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TAGS: PDIP, TZ, CG, US

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICAN CITIZENS

SUMMARY: XAVERIAN MISSIONARY FATHERS ARE INQUIRING AS TO WHETHER XAVERIAN INTERMEDIARY ROLE IN ZAIRE BETWEEN KIDNAPPERS AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOZ. END SUMMARY

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY FATHER ROBERT S. MALONEY, VICAR GENERAL OF THE XAVERIAN MISSIONARY FATHERS, FOR INFORMATION RELEVANT TO A POSSIBLE ROLE FOR THE XAVERIANS IN ESTABLISHING AND/OR PURSUING CONTACT IN THE ZAIRE WITH GROUP BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR KIDNAPPING IN TANZANIA OF THREE (ONE SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED) YOUNG AMERICANS AND OTHER YOUTHS.

2. PER FATHER MALONEY, THE XAVERIANS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED TELEPHONICALLY BY A MR. SINA, ATTORNEY FOR STANFORD UNIVERSITY, WITH THE REQUEST THAT A XAVERIAN NOW RESIDENT IN KIVU BE AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH CAPTORS, WHO ARE SAID TO BE AT QTE HUWALORA UNQTE IN THE KIVU, HEADED BY AN EX-MULETIST NOW CALLED QTE CALIBA UNQTE UNDER THE BANNER OF THE QTE PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY UNQTE. MALONEY SAYS XAVERIANS TURNED DOWN AS IMPERMISSIBLE AN ORIGINAL STANFORD REQUEST TO QTE PASS THROUGH UNQTE THEIR ORGANIZATION \$460,000 RANSOM FOR

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RELEASE OF VICTIMS, BUT WOULD NOW BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE

CONTACT IF THERE IS SOME ASSURANCE THAT SUCH ACTIVITY WOULD NOT EXACERBATE CURRENT CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS IN ZAIRE. SPECIFICALLY WOULD MOBUTU APPROVE, EITHER TACITLY OR EXPLICITLY?

3. MALONEY UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS SUBJECT MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN RAISED WITH THE DEPARTMENT WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE RAISED NO OBJECTION TO SUCH XAVERIAN ASSISTANCE.

4. MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO MALONEY'S INFORMATION (WHICH MAY BE DEFICIENT OR ERRONEOUS DUE TO TELEPHONIC RECEIPT FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES) STANFORD IS INTENDING TO SEND PEOPLE INTO ZAIRE TO WORK FOR RELEASE OF THE CAPTIVES. SUCH AGENTS MAY INTEND TO WORK WITH A XAVERIAN FATHER VAGNY, AN ITALIAN WITH MANY YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE KIVU, NOW WORKING OUT OF UVIRA. ANOTHER POSSIBLE STANFORD CONTACT MAY BE A M. VERHAVEN, A BELGIAN KIVU VETERAN WHO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTACTS IN DISSENT CAMPS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THIS EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING VIEWS OF EMBASSY KINSHASA ON WHETHER THERE IS AN APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE ROLE FOR THE XAVERIANS IN THIS MATTER, AND SOLICITS RELEVANT COMMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND DAR. VOLPE

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